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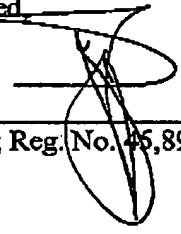
Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement between Group I drawn to a bi-metallic electrode species (claims 1-4 and 17-20) and Group II drawn to elongated V-shape groove electrodes (claims 5-16 and 21-32). In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-4 and 17-20) for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants believe that all of these claims (i.e., claims 1-4 and 17-20) read on the elected species. Accordingly, claims 5-16 and 21-32 are hereby withdrawn from consideration at this time.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-4 and 17-20 are patentable, and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (858)-385-5298 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due for the filing of this response. In the event that any fees are due by this filing, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge or credit the Deposit Account of Cymer, Inc., Deposit Account 03-4060 for any such fees.

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